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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs starting on these lines as follows:

Page 7, line 24:

As the forward primer, 5'GGGATGCATATGGAAGACGCCAAAAACATA3' (SEQ ID NO:1) is used, and as the backward primer, 5'GGGATGCATACTTGATTACAATTTGGACTTTCC3' (SEQ ID NO:2) is used. In such a condition, 1.65 kbp luciferase genes found in plasmid are amplified.

Page 8, line 6:

As the forward primer used for PCR in the whole blood, 5'GGCCTCCCACACCAG3' (SEQ ID NO:3) is used, while as the backward primer, 5'GCGGGCAGGCGTCAGCACCAGTA3' (SEQ ID NO:4) is used.